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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In Paragraph [0031], please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0031] Those are wires of the same internal composition as the titanium-molybdenum wires mentioned above but having undergone a superficial treatment permitting to diminish the friction coefficient of the wire on the attachments. However, our tests have shown that the interesting characteristics of the basic material are well preserved, but that the evolution is not very significant as far as improvement of friction coefficient on the attachments is concerned.